

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 5 through 9 with the following amended paragraph:**

FIG. 8 is a diagram illustrating a refined business process design according to one embodiment of the present invention. During the business design refinement ~~design~~ phase, the conceptual business process design, validated from the business concept design phase 222, is the basis for a refined business process design, providing an additional level of granularity to the definitions of the conceptual business process design.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 21 through 27 with the following amended paragraph:**

FIG. 9 is a diagram illustrating a technical architecture design according to one embodiment of the present invention. During the technical architecture design phase 230, the business process design, validated from the business design refinement ~~design~~ phase 224, is the basis for formulating a proposed design for the technical architecture design of an information system. A technical architecture design includes definitions of both hardware and software components (*e.g.*, technical processes, application programs, control data, hardware operating environments) and their interactions.